

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION TO REVISE  
PESTICIDE SAFETY INFORMATION SERIES LEAFLETS**

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WH&S Notice 03-1**

California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Pesticide Regulation  
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PSIS #	Title
A-1	Safety Requirements for Pesticide Handlers in Agricultural Settings
A-2	Pesticide Storage, Transportation and Disposal in Agricultural Settings
A-3	Engineering Control in Agricultural Settings (Closed System, Enclosed Cab, Water Soluble Packaging)
A-4	First Aid and Decontamination in Agricultural Settings
A-5	Respiratory Protection in Agricultural Settings
A-6	Summary of Worker Safety Regulations for the Agricultural Setting ( <i>deleted</i> )
A-7	Laundrying of Pesticide Contaminated Clothing Following Exposure to Agricultural Pesticides
A-8	Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides in Agricultural Settings
A-9	Hazard Communication for Employees Working in Agriculture Fields
A-10	Minimal Exposure Pesticides in Agricultural Settings
A-11	Medical Supervision
N-1	Safety Requirements for Pesticide Handlers in Noncrop Settings
N-2	Pesticide Storage, Transportation and Disposal in Noncrop Settings
N-3	Use of Engineering Control in Noncrop Settings
N-4	First Aid and Decontamination in Noncrop Settings
N-5	Respiratory Protection in Noncrop Settings
N-6	Summary of Worker Safety Regulations for the Noncrop Setting ( <i>deleted</i> )
N-7	Laundrying of Pesticide Contaminated Clothing Following Use of Nonagricultural Pesticides
N-8	Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides in Noncrop Settings
N-10	Minimal Exposure Pesticides in Noncrop Settings

Interested persons may comment on the proposed decision up to and including the date shown in the top line of this Notice. Please direct comments regarding this notice and requests for copies of the revised documents to Susan McCarthy, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Worker Health and Safety Branch, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015; [smccarthy@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:smccarthy@cdpr.ca.gov); or (916) 445-6387.

## **PUBLIC REPORT**

### SUBJECT:

The complete Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS).

### DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) proposes to revise the standards listed above.

In 2002, the Worker Health & Safety Branch (WH&S) initiated a project to improve all the PSIS leaflets in order to ensure that the information in these leaflets is understandable to farm workers and pesticide handlers. WH&S made changes to PSIS leaflets based on input from several focus and work groups, and discussions with worker advocates, county agricultural commissioners (CAC), and agricultural production groups. The leaflets have been redesigned using different graphics and the language has been simplified. Both A-6 and N-6 will be deleted as the information contained in these two leaflets can be found elsewhere in the respective series.

PSIS A-8, A-9 and N-8 have also been updated to reflect the current listing of Proposition 65 chemicals. In 1986, California voters approved the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). Proposition 65 requires the publication of a list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Employers must warn employees if they are exposed to levels of pesticides on the Proposition 65 list that present a significant health risk. Employers may also choose to provide warning simply based on the presence of the chemical, even if the risk is not significant.

*[original signed by C. Andrews]*

Charles M. Andrews, Branch Chief

*[October 1, 2003]*

Date